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**UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**(Only for new nonprovisional applications
under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

040145

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is
supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying
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6. [] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. [] Assignment to **KOMATSU LTD., Tokyo, Japan.**
Please publish the assignee data with the application.
9. [] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) [] Power of Attorney

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10. ☐ English translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed.

15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document

a. Priority of Japanese application no. 2003-086344 filed on March 26, 2003 is claimed under 35 USC 119.

16. ☐ Other _____

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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